Indefinite strike by AIIMS Scientists

*87. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have been on an indefinite strike since January 25, 1989 in support of their various demands which have been pending for over two years now; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Their main demand is the revision of emoluments of Senior Demonstrators (Non-medical) and Ph. D. students to bring these on par with those of Senior Residents and Junior Residents minus Non-Practising Allowance.

The matter is under consideration.

Seizure of Contaminated Glucose Samples

*88. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 10th February, 1989, under the heading "Contaminated Glucose Samples seized";

(b) if so, the names of the producers whose samples were seized;

(c) what is the total quantity produced of these batches and how many have been consumed and what is the balance stock;

(d) whether these samples have been tested; and

(e) if so, the names of the laboratory and the details of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M|s. Osler Pharma Limited, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu are the manufacturers of the reported contaminated intravenous fluids.

(c) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* below)

Statement-I

13 batches produced by M|s. Osler Pharma Limited, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, were alleged to be contaminated by its Delhi distributor viz. M|s. Eskay Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi. Out of these 13 batches the Drugs Inspectors of Delhi Administration while making investigation at the distributor's premises could find only 7 batches and samples of these were sent to Government Analyst, Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad for testing. Besides these, samples of four more batches, other than the 13 mentioned in the complaint, were also drawn for testing. The Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration immediately requested the Deputy Drugs Controller (India), Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (South Zone) to inform Drugs Controller, Tamil Nadu and cause investigations on all the control samples of impugned batches. As per information available the control samples of the impugned batches were found free from foreign particles of fungus.

The quantities manufactured in respect of the 13 batches by M|s. Osler Pharma Limited, Coimbatore are given in the statement attached herewith. (*See* below). No complaint is reported to have been received from any other source except Delhi.